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SUBJECT: APRIL 22 EA PRESS SUMMARY

1. JAPAN

SENATE CONFIRMED MANSFIELD AMB TO JAPAN 4/21 AMID ACCOLADES/
COMMENTS ON HIS "MAGNIFICENT QUALIFICATIONS" FOR POST
(WP; REUTER 4/21). NYT'S HALLORAN NOTES MANSFIELD SEEMED
LEAN SLIGHTLY AGAINST PRES' OPPOSING JAPANESE NUKE REPROCESS-
ING FACILITY, STATING, "IF THERE IS ONE COUNTRY IN THE
WORLD THAT DOES NOT WANT TO PRODUCE THE BOMB, IT IS JAPAN."

JAPAN ATOMIC ENERGY INSTITUTE SAYS JAPAN SEEKING EXPLANATION
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FROM DOS RE DELAY URANIUM SHIPMENT, TO BE SENT FROM US
TO FRG FOR CONVERSION FOR USE IN JAPANESE REACTOR. AGENCY
ASKED THRU AMEMB TOKYO FOR EXPLANATION FROM DOS BUT RECEIVED
NO REPLY AS YET. TOKYO PRESS SPECULATES DELAY MAY HAVE
SOMETHING DO W/CARTER'S TOUGH NUKE POLICY STAND (REUTER
TOKYO).

DIET CMTE DECIDED 4/21 TO SUBPOENA LOCKHEED CONSULTANT
KODAMA TO TESTIFY IN BRIBE SCANDAL TRIAL NEXT WEDNESDAY.
KODAMA BEDRIDDEN SINCE 2/76, HAS BEEN SUMMONED 3 TIMES

PREVIOUSLY/EACH TIME REFUSED DUE ILLNESS (REUTER TOKYO 4/21).

JAPAN FEARS PROPOSED TAX REBATES FOR ECONOMY CARS MAY LEAD TO AUTO IMPORT RESTRAINTS. TOYOTA PRES SAYS CARTER'S SYSTEM WOULD BE DISCRIMINATION AGAINST IMPORTED CARS/CONSTITUTE TRADE BARRIER VIOLATING GATT. MITI MIN TANAKA TOLD NEWS CONF 4/22 MINISTRY INSTRUCTED GATHER INFO ON PROPOSED REBATE SYSTEM/ANALYZE EFFECTS ON JAPANESE CARS SOLD IN US (REUTER TOKYO).

JAPANESE HEALTH/WELFARE OFFICIALS SAY GOJ WILL SHORTLY REMOVE BAN ON IMPORTED FRUIT TREATED W/FUNGICIDE (ORTHOPHENYL PHENOL). MOVE WILL RESULT IN RESUMPTION SHIPMENTS CITRUS FRUITS FROM US. ISSUE RAISED BY MONDALE DURING JANUARY TOKYO VISIT (REUTER TOKYO).

JAPANESE NUKE POWER COMPANIES UNOFFICIALLY LOWER NUKE-GENERATING TARGET. ACTION COMES IN FACE UNCERTAINTIES OVER NUKE REPROCESSING/UNSTABLE OUTLOOK FOR SUPPLY NUKE FUEL FROM OTHER NATIONS/INCREASING RESISTANCE TO CONSTRUCTION MORE NUKE POWER PLANTS (WSJ).

JOC REPORTS OVER PAST 3 DAYS, BANK OF JAPAN INTERVENED IN TOKYO FOREX MARKET, SEEKING STEADY US DOLLAR APPRECIATION.

JAPAN'S AUTO MFRS ASSN SAYS VEHICLE PRODUCTION LAST MONTH UNCLASSIFIED

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ROSE TO RECORD HIGH 750,100 UNITS (REUTER TOKYO).

IN TOKYO, WP'S SAAR WRITES "LETTER FROM JAPAN" DESCRIBING CITY'S "ANNUAL BOUT OF SPRING FEVER."

2. INDOCHINA

AFP (LAT 4/21) DESCRIBES RE-EDUCATION CAMP FOR EX-ARVN JUNIOR OFFICERS NEAR TAY NINH. MENTIONS COURSES STUDIED; STATES DIET ADEQUATE/TREATMENT GOOD.

SOME 200 JAPANESE TOURISTS VISIT HANOI. VN/ANA OFFICIALS REPORTEDLY NEGOTIATING TO ORGANIZE CHARTER FLIGHTS BETWEEN TOKYO/VN (WP).

3. THAILAND

EXECUTION GEN CHALARD WAS 1ST OF POL FIGURE IN 40 YRS. LOSERS IN THAI POL UPHEAVALS USUALLY EXILED (WP).

4. INDONESIA

POLICY SAY ARRESTED 6 WHO PLOTTED BLOW UP INDO'S BIGGEST ELEC POWER STATION ON 5/2--DAY OF GENL ELECTION (REUTER

JAKARTA).

5. ASEAN

US/ASEAN AGREE CONSULT ON TRADE/INVESTMENT/TARIFFS/OTHER
BASIC ECON MATTERS AT THIS YR'S END; TIME/PLACE NOT YET
DECIDED (REUTER KL).

7. ADB

KAMM (NYT MANILA) REPORTS AT 10TH ANNIVERSARY MTG, BANK'S
PRES YOSHIDA GIVE SOBERING ASSESSMENT THAT REGION'S
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NEEDS OUTSTRIPPING EFFORTS MEET THEM: NUMBER POOR GROWING/
UNEMPLOYMENT WORSENING/POPULATION GROWTH ERODES GAINS IN
FOOD PRODUCTION/BOP DEFICITS FROM OIL PURCHASES WEAKEN
COUNTRIES/ARABLE LAND FRONTIERS REACHED. YOSHIDA ALSO
WELCOMED VN DEL.

8. CHINA

SOVS HINTS VIEWS NO EARLY END HOSTILITY WITH PRC, DESPITE
CHANGED CHINESE LEADERSHIP. COMMENTARY IN "NEW TIMES"
NOTED HUA LEADERSHIP STAYING TRUE TO MAOISM, ESPECIALLY
IN FOREIGN POLICY (REUTER MOSCOW CSM).

PRC LEADERSHIP ANNOUNCES NATIONAL CONSERVATION CAMPAIGN
IN EFFORT ACHIEVE "NEW LEAP" (WSTAR, HK 4/21).

9. PHILIPPINES

LIBYAN FORMIN ALI AL TREIKI ARRIVES MANILA TO MEDIATE GOP
REBEL DISPUTE/HOPEFUL AGREEMENT SIGNED BEFORE 5/16 ISLAMIC
MINS' CONF TRIPOLI (WP).

EXHIBIT TO ATTRACT PHILIPPINES TOURISM OPENS AT PHILIP-
PINES CENTER, NYC; EFFORT COSTS NEARLY 600 MILLION DOLS
OVER 3 YRS (JOC).

REUTER REPORT (ZAMBOANGA) HIGHLIGHTS CITY'S EFFORTS TO
CLEAN UP PORT IN ORDER ATTRACT TOURISTS. NOTES OUTCOME
GOVT TALKS WITH MOSLEM REBLES CRUCIAL FOR BOOSTING TOURIST
INDUSTRY (LAT 4/21).

10. AUSTRALIA

AUSTRALIAN OFFICIALS/ACDA REPS HOLDING 1-WK DISCUSSIONS ON
URANIUM EXPORT SAFEGUARDS. AUS/US OFFICIALS SAY TALKS
EXPLORATORY/NO DECISIONS/AGREEMENTS WILL BE MADE. AUS
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OFFICIAL INDICATES SEEKING CLARIFICATION US POSITION IN
CASE AUSTRALIAN DECISION MADE IN FAVOR URANIUM EXPORTS
(REUTER WASHINGTON 4/21).

AUSSIE BEEF PRODUCERS WANT HIGHER EXPORT PRICES. HAVE
SYMPATHY OF DEP PRIME MIN ANTHONY WHO ADVISED PRODUCERS
SEND FEWER STOCK TO SALEYARDS/NOTED RETURNS TO BEEF
EXPORTERS UP, THOSE TO CATTLE PRODUCERS DOWN. AUSTRALIANS
SEE 15 MILLION DOL CONTRACT SUPPLY BEEF TO EGYPT AS
"MAJOR BREAKTHROUGH." EXPECT EXPORTS UP 70,000 TONS WITH
US MAJOR BUYER. SAY WASHINGTON MADE CLEAR BACKDOOR SHIP-
MENTS VIS PUERTO RICO/FREE TRADE ZONE NOT EXCLUDED FROM
AUSTRALIA'S '77 ALLOCATION OF 296,000 TONS (JOC SYDNEY).

11. KOREA

IN 3-HR EXEC SESSION 4/21, HOUSE ETHICS CMTE ADOPTED
TOUGH SET OPERATING STDS, PUTTING CONGRESSMEN WHO ACCEPTED
CASH/GIFTS FROM ROKG ON NOTICE THEY WILL BE THOROUGHLY
INVESTIGATED EVEN IF THEY ESCAPE CRIMINAL PROSECUTION.
CMTE VOTED HOLD HOUSE MEMBERS ACCOUNTABLE TO HIGHER STD
CONDUCT THAN WOULD HAVE TO FACE IN CRIMINAL COURT/AUTHOR-
IZED SUBPOENAS, REQUESTS FOR INFO FROM POTENTIAL WITNESSES/
HEARD FOR 1ST TIME PUBLICLY-UNDISCLOSED NAMES THOSE WHO
HAVE COME UNDER SCRUTINY BY CMTE'S SPECIAL TEAM ATTYS/IN-
VESTIGATORS (BABCOCK, WP).

DOD NOTIFIED CONGRESS 4/21 OF ITS INTENTION SELL SK 62-
MIL-DOLS WORTH MODERNIZATION KITS FOR 416 TANKS (REUTER
4/21).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

12. THAILAND

ANDELMAN (NYT BANGKOK) QUOTES SENIOR MIL SOURCES THAT
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CHALARD/DRUG PEDDLER EXECUTED IN HASTE/SECRECY TO PREVENT
THEM NAMING GOVT/MIL OFFICIALS AS ACCOMPLICES. QUOTES
REPORTS THAT DRUG DEALER WAS ABOUT NAME GEN KRIANGSAK AS
KEY CONSPIRATOR IN THAI DRUG TRAFFIC. ADDS KRIANGSAK,
GRAVELY ILL, LEFT FOR TREATMENT AT WALTER REED; DEPARTURE
DURING CRITICAL CABINET SESSION/PARTIAL MIL ALERT LENDS
CREDENCE TO REPORTED CONVULSIONS IN JUNTA/RTG.

13. THAILAND/MALAYSIA

MCARTHUR (LAT BANGKOK 4/21) DESCRIBES MO-LONG JOINT RTG/
GOM BORDER OPN THAT UNCOVERED 18 ABANDONED CAMPS/RICE

STOCKS/EXPLOSIVES/AMMO. CALLS IT STRONGEST DEMONSTRATION
YET OF ASEAN MIL COOPERATION.

14. INDONESIA

REP MEYNER (D-NJ) SAYS WOULD OPPOSE EFFORT CUT OFF US MIL
AID TO GOI DUE ALLEGED ATROCITIES IN E TIMOR. STATES
BELIEVES WAR "ALL OVER" THERE, GOT IMPRESSION TIMOR
PEOPLE WANT UNITY W/INDONESIA. URGES IRC/UN MISSION BE
ALLOWED ENTER E TIMOR TO INVESTIGATE (REUTER WASHINGTON).

15. CHINA

LAT BOOK CRITIC ROBERT KIRSCH WRITES THAT FORMER
YENCHING U PROF/NOW AMERICAN U PROFESSOR EMERITUS
MICHAEL LINDSAY'S BOOK, "THE UNKNOWN WAR: NORTH CHINA
1937-45," IS REMARKABLE PHOTOGRAPHIC RECORD REMINISCENCE
OF WAR NOW NEGLECTED/FORGOTTEN (4/21).

16. KOREA

CHOE U GYUN, EDITOR SEMIOFFICIAL NK-AFFILIATED PAPER
IN TOKYO, (NYT) NOTES 2 DEVELOPMENTS OF INTEREST: PRES
CARTER'S REAFFIRMATION OF PLAN W/DRAW TROOPS/NUKES FROM
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SK; CONFIRMATION USG'S WILLINGNESS APPROACH DPRK. SAYS
KOREAN PEOPLE FIRMLY COMMITTED TO PEACE/EAGER HAVE HOME-
LAND REUNIFIED THRU DIALOG. BLAMES US FOR "WHAT SOUTH
KOREA TODAY IS": DICTATORSHIP/CORRUPT/DECADENT. POINTS
OUT SK NEVER SIGNED ARMISTICE AGREEMENT, UNC/NK DID;
SIGNATORIES BOUND SEEK WAYS ACHIEVE FINAL PEACE SETTLEMENT.
STATES NK WANTS DIALOG W/US, BUT DOES NOT PROPOSE NEGOTI-
ATE REUNIFICATION ISSUE W/US. INSTEAD, WANTS REACH COMPLETE
SETTLEMENT ALL ISSUES ARISING FROM ARMISTICE AGREEMENT.
CONCLUDES AFTER "DURABLE PEACE REACHED THRU PYONGYANG/WASH-
INGTON AGREEMENT, PEOPLE OF KOREA WILL BE ABLE COME TO
"INTRANATIONAL" N-S ACCOMMODATION INDEPENDENT OF FOREIGN
INTERFERENCE; SAYS N-S DIALOGUE WILL BE RESUMED WHEN/IF
PRESENT DICTATORIAL REGIME SK REPLACED BY GOVT "COMMITTED
TO HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY."

MALCOLM (NYT SEOUL) REPORTS CRACKDOWN ON PARK'S POL OPPON-
ENTS CONTINUES GROW AMID INDICATIONS ROKG SEEKING EVIDENCE
BUILD COMMUNIST CONSPIRACY CASE. SO FAR, 40 KNOWN IN
CUSTODY; MOST BELIEVED TO HAVE SIGNED LEAST 1 CLANDESTINE
"DEMOCRATIC MANIFESTO" CALLING FOR RESTORATION FREE
SPEECH/PRESS/RELIGION/END TORTURE. GOVT-CONTROLLED NEWS
MEDIA HAS NOT DISCUSSED ARRESTS. AMONG POSSIBLE REASONS
FOR CRACKDOWNS, MALCOLM CITES FACT GOVT MAY WANT PREVENT
ANY PROTEST DEMONSTRATIONS ON TUES, MARKING 17TH ANNIVER-
SARY STUDENT UPRISING THAT OVERTHREW SYNGMAN RHEE.

CSM MENTIONS 1960 STUDENT UPRISING AGAINST SYNGMAN RHEE.
SAYS CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE CHANGED IN SK SINCE THEN, AND
MANY BELIEVE PARK'S MOTIVE IN RECENT CRACKDOWN NOW MERELY
TO PERPETUATE SELF IN POWER. WONDERS WHAT PARK HOPES
GAIN BY ACTION, SINCE "CONTINUED INTIMIDATION" SKOREANS
"WILL HARDLY PERSUADE" CARTER RECONSIDER PLANS FOR W/DRAWAL
US GROUND FORCES. CONCLUDES PARK "GOES TOO FAR" IN USING
EMERGENCY POWERS TO BAN DOMESTIC CRITICISM/ROUND UP HUMAN
RTS PROPONENTS AS VIOLATORS.
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SUN EDIT RE CONGRESSIONAL PAY RAISES/RECENT SCANDALS
MENTIONS KOREAN BRIBERY SCANDAL AS ONE PROMPTER FOR CON-
GRESS ADOPT STRINGENT NEW ETHICS CODES (SUN).

17. GENERAL

WSJ'S KEATLEY SAYS PRES' "'OPEN MOUTH' DIPLOMACY"--HIS
ATTEMPTS "TURN PIETY INTO POLICY"--GIVES HIM MIXED RECORD
TO DATE. CITING ADMIN'S "WEAKNESS" IN ASIAN POLICY,
NOTES CARTER/TOP MEN HAVE LITTLE BACKGROUND IN AREA, HAVE
PUT OFF SUCH ISSUES AS RECOGNITION PRC. SAYS, IN ADDITION
SOME DOS OFFICIALS THINK PRES/TOP ADVISERS DON'T ALWAYS
INCLUDE JAPAN IN THEIR THINKING--FOR EXAMPLE, CARTER'S
RECENT MEETING W/FUKUDA "PRODUCED LITTLE MORE THAN GEN-
ERALITIES" ABOUT US-JAPAN MUTUAL DEPENDENCE.

KEATLEY REPORTS ONE OFFICIAL AS SAYING ONLY ASIAN SUBJECT
CARTER HAS TAKEN SERIOUSLY IS WITHDRAWAL TROOPS FROM SK--
AND THIS DONE W/O ANALYZING IMPACT ON OTHER COUNTRIES OF
REGION. DECLARES PRES, IN FACT, SEEMS REPEAT AT TIME "FA-
MILIAR AMERICAN FAILING" OF MAKING US POLICY W/O CONSID-
ERING IMPACT ABROAD. FEELS NUKE POLICY IS ANOTHER EXAM-
PLE--JAPAN/FRG/France "UNDERSTANDABLY IRRITATED AND SOME-
WHAT UNCOOPERATIVE" THAT CARTER NOW TELLS THEM HALT NUKE
FUEL REPROCESSING, WHICH THEY BEGAN IN 1ST PLACE W/US EN-
COURAGEMENT/ACQUIESCENCE. BUT KEATLEY NOTES EVEN DOS PEO-
PLE AGREE CRITICISM OF CARTER "OPEN STYLE" WILL DIMINISH.

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